

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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BEFORE THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE NO. #R23927)))
Issued to: Peter J. Lewis, R.N. To practice professional nursing in the State of Maine) ORDER TERMINATING) PROBATION))

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1992, License No. #R23927 issued to Peter J. Lewis was placed on "probation" pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A (1-A); and

WHEREAS, on the sixth day of October, 1992, the Board of Nursing duly considered all evidence presented to it concerning Peter Lewis' compliance with the conditions of said probation; and

WHEREAS, the Board found that Peter Lewis has completed all of the Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Order of Probation issued February 11, 1992 is hereby terminated.

DATED this ninth day of October, 1992.

MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Jean C. Caron, R.N., M.S. Executive Director

pc: Timothy W. Collier, Assistant Attorney General



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In re:	•)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
Peter J. Lewis, R.N.) .	REGARDING PROBATIONARY
of Dresden, Maine)	STATUS OF LICENSE
License #R023927)	

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement regarding Peter J. Lewis' license to practice professional nursing in the State of Maine, entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A)(B) and 10 M.R.S.A. Section 8003(5)(B). The parties to this Consent Agreement are: Peter J. Lewis, R.N., the Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Department of Attorney General, State of Maine.

By letter dated October 15, 1991, Mr. Lewis was advised by the Board that it had received a letter dated October 9, 1991, with attachment, from Janet Corbett, Director of Nursing and Clinical Services, Miles Memorial Hospital, alleging that Mr. Lewis may be in violation of 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(2)(B), (2)(E) and (2)(F). Mr. Lewis responded to the Board in a letter dated October 21, 1991. Subsequently, the Board requested that Mr. Lewis attend an informal conference pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. Section 2105-A(1-A). The informal conference was held on February 11, 1992 at the office of the State Board of Nursing in Augusta, Maine. Mr. Lewis attended the informal conference without counsel.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As a result of the informal conference, the Board made the following findings of fact:

- Mr. Lewis admits to smoking marijuana during a break while on duty in the Emergency Room at Miles Memorial Hospital on September 12, 1991.
- There is no documented patient harm as a result of Mr. Lewis' actions.
- 3. Mr. Lewis entered into an Agreement with Miles Memorial Hospital and Safe Harbor in September of 1991, and to date he has been adhering to that Agreement.
- 4. Mr. Lewis admits perhaps one other incident of marijuana use while on duty.

- 5. Mr. Lewis has a good employment history at Miles Memorial Hospital.
- 6. All random urine screens taken by Mr. Lewis since September of 1991 have been negative.
- 7. Mr. Lewis has been substance-free since September of 1991.
- 8. Mr. Lewis has a good support system both at home and at work.

COVENANTS

Based on the above findings of fact, the Board voted to place Mr. Lewis' license on a probationary status for one year from September 30, 1991 with the following conditions:

- 1. Mr. Lewis will remain completely substance-free.
- 2. Mr. Lewis will abide by the terms of the Agreement he entered into in September 1991 with Safe Harbor and Miles Memorial Hospital.
- 3. Mr. Lewis must arrange for quarterly documentation from his substance abuse counselor and from his nurse employer. Mr. Lewis waives any claims of confidentiality and privilege which he may have with respect to these reports.
- 4. Mr. Lewis will immediately notify the Board of any change in his employment.
- 5. The Board agrees to take no further action upon these facts so long as Mr. Lewis fully complies with these conditions.

Mr. Lewis understands that this document is a Consent Agreement which affects his rights to practice nursing in Maine. Mr. Lewis understands that he does not have to execute this Consent Agreement and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before entering this Consent Agreement. Mr. Lewis affirms that he executes this Consent Agreement of his own free will.

DATED: 3-10-92	BY: Peter D. LEWIS, R.N.
DATED: 3/11/92	FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING: BY: Awar Director Executive Director
DATED: 3/(2/82	FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BY: TIMOTHY W. COLLIER Assistant Attorney General Counsel to the Board